

# The Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries Business Report on 2024 Fiscal Year (April 01, 2024 - March 31, 2025)

## 1. Membership

Membership to the OPRT as of the end of March 2024 is as follows:

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| <b>(1) Full members:</b>  | 22 organizations *               |
| <b>(2) Officers:</b>      | 14 (12 Directors and 2 Auditors) |
| <b>(3) Staff members:</b> | 4                                |

## 2. Registered Fishing Vessels

The state of registered fishing vessels as of the end of March 2025 is as follows:

Members	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2025)	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2024)
(1) Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association (JapanTuna)	130	125
(2) National Ocean Tuna Fishery Association (Enkatsukyo) <i>Withdrew from OPRT on Mar. 31, 2025</i>	—	18
(3) National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association (Kinkatsukyo)	1	1
(Sub Total)	131	144
(4) Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna long-line Boatowners And Exporters Association	317	313
(5) Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	104	104
(6) Philippine International Tuna Longline Association Inc.	6	6
(7) Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	8	8
(8) China Overseas Fisheries Association (COFA)	219	222
(9) Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (FUNDATUNA)	7	7
(10) Deepsea Fisheries Management of Republic of Seychelles	46	47
(11) FSM National Offshore Fisheries Association (FSM-NOFA)	3	3
(12) Nareau Tuna Boat Owners Association of Kiribati (NTA)	0	0
(13) Marshall Islands Tuna Fisheries Association (MITFA)	0	0
(14) Ming Dar Fishery (Vanuatu) Co., Ltd.	35	49
(15) Cook Islands Commercial Fishing Association Inc. (CICFA)	0	0
(16) Kenya Tuna Fisheries Association	0	—
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>903</b>

\* Malaysia Tuna Association joined the OPRT as a full member on April 1, 2025. Therefore, the total number of full members of the OPRT is 23 as of June 19, 2025.

### 3. Business Report of 2024 Fiscal Year

Plans	Results
<b>1. Monitoring and analysis of the state of tuna resources and the trend of international stock management</b>  (1) Monitoring, analysis and dissemination of information related to RFMOs  (2) Monitoring, analysis and dissemination of information related to environmental NGOs  <b>2. Promotion of effective resources management</b>  (1) Prevention and elimination of IUU fishing activities (a) Monitoring of tunas imported to Japan (b) Monitoring of Positive Lists of RFMOs (c) Implementation of part of work related to the prior confirmation system for tuna import  (d) DNA inspection  (2) Promotion of fishing capacity control  (3) Management of OPRT-registered fishing vessels (4) Monitoring of the international transactions of second-hand tuna longline fishing vessels and investigation on the status of exported second-hand vessels (5) Measures to mitigate bycatch and collection of related information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation in the RFMOs' annual meeting (IOTC, WCPFC, ICCAT). Participation in the WCPFC Intersessional Working Group on Labour Standards. The results were sent to foreign Members as Reports from the Secretariat.</li> <li>- Regularly meets with the Fisheries Agency of Japan and the Research institutes.</li> <li>- Collects and analyzes international tuna-related information from the ATUNA, ISSF, etc.</li> <li>- Attendance at a briefing session on the results of the project on research and analysis of tuna stocks by the Fisheries Resources Institute in 2024.</li> <li>- Monitoring the activities of environmental NGOs. Regarding labor issues, the results of the meeting with GLJ (Global Labor Justice) were sent to Members as Reports from the Secretariat.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Analysis on import data of approx. 13,200 cases (Entry of all the data into the OPRT database.)</li> <li>- Monitoring of change in fishing capacity, etc. (Avg.9,000 cases/month)</li> <li>- Imported Tuna Data Analysis project: Project entrusted by the Fisheries Agency of Japan</li> <li>- Confirmation and demanding "Report on the import of frozen tuna to Japan" according to the instruction of MAFF. (Checking: approx.10,600 cases, Demanding: approx. 34,000 cases)</li> <li>- DNA Inspection and Market Survey: Project entrusted by the Fisheries Agency of Japan Project Partners: Tokai University and Nihon Kaiji Kentei Kyokai Target of analysis: round fish and processed products imported by reefer carriers, reefer containers, etc. Analyzed species: Bigeye (51 vessels), Yellowfin (9vessels) Number of specimens analyzed: 1,500 specimens from 60 vessels: 55 non-Japanese vessels (46 vessels via reefer carriers and 9 vessels via reefer containers) and 5 Japanese vessels. Flag of vessels analyzed: Taiwan, Vanuatu, China, Seychelles, Oman, Korea &amp; Japan</li> <li>- Organized the informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT Members about "Capacity management of tuna longline vessels by OPRT and the future direction". Discussed the Draft amendments to the OPRT policy for export of OPRT registered vessels.</li> <li>- Updating the list of OPRT registered vessels and publishing them on the OPRT web site.</li> <li>- Monitoring of trade of second-hand fishing vessels among OPRT Members (1 vessel from Japan to Ecuador)</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- " Revision to OPRT Policy on Bycatch Issues " was adopted and posted on the OPRT web site. A draft revision was made reflecting the revised bycatch measures in the RFMOs</li> <li>- Participation in the Second informal intersessional meeting for the review of CMM 2018-03 (Seabirds mitigation measures) of the WCPFC, and the results were sent to Members as Reports from the secretariat.</li> </ul>

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<b>3. Promotion of responsible tuna fisheries through promotion of sustainable use of tuna resources</b> (1) Implementation of campaigns for wild sashimi tunas           (2) Wild sashimi tunas study group           (3) Streaming videos on YouTube aimed at increasing consumption of wild and frozen tuna           <b>4. Research and studies on management, trade and market of tuna resources</b> (1) Monitoring of distribution of tunas imported to Japan's sashimi market	<p>Summary of the 21st campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The campaign was conducted from Oct. 1 to Oct. 10, 2024, using a slogan "October 10th is Day of Tuna".</li> <li>- It was conducted through 142 fish retailers belonging to the All Japan Fish Retailers Union, with the cooperation of the All Japan Fish Retailers Union, Japan Fish Wholesalers' Association, All Japan Fish Brokers Union and Japan Fisheries Association as well as producers' organizations in Japan and OPRT overseas Members.</li> <li>- The OPRT distributed leaflets (19,000), posters (500), gift entry boxes (150).</li> <li>- The total applications were 3,207 consisting of 2,383 by post card and 824 by e-mail.</li> </ul> <p>A total of 150 sets of frozen sashimi tuna sakus (700g or more) were presented through a lucky draw for people who filled out questionnaire forms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The OPRT staff visited 3 stores participating in the campaign.</li> <li>- A press conference was held on Sep. 20, 2024, jointly by All Japan Fish Retailers Union and OPRT.</li> <li>- A press release was made on Sep. 20, 2024.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Wild sashimi tunas study group" was held on Oct. 10, 2024 (at 5floor meeting room, Shufu Kaikan plaza F)</li> <li>- The study group was convened by National Liaison Committee of Consumer's Organization (Shodanren) and supported by OPRT. (This study group was also held as OPRT seminar for the general consumers who are members of under Shodanren as well as OPRT members and OPRT supporting members.)</li> </ul> <p>-Streaming videos titled "The origin of October 10th as "the Day of Tuna" ", "Why wild and frozen tuna is delicious", "The Lively Fish Shop in the town Vol.1" on YouTube. (In addition, streaming 4 types of videos aimed at increasing consumption of tunas on YouTube by the end of 2024 FY)</p> <p>-CCSBT Toyosu Tag and Market Research Project : Project entrusted by CCSBT            Collection and analysis of information printed on tags attached to SBT (Twice a month at Toyosu Market).            Quantitative market survey of SBT handlers (individual surveys of wholesale marketers, importers, etc.).            -- Questionnaires survey of 44 wholesalers and importers            --Interview with 3 wholesalers and 1 importer</p> <p>-Project on management of tuna distribution using electronic tags: Project carried out by the OPRT's own expense since 2020 FY.            --Project Partners: Tomioka Seisakusho Co., Ltd and Tanaka Senyohin Co., Ltd.            --Development: introduction and verification of new electronic tags (IC chips for UHF band only) as well as improvement of the compiling method of scanned data            --Experimental operation: 250 tags were distributed to 1 school training vessel and information on the tags were collected.            --550 tags were distributed to 1 Japanese vessel and information on the</p>

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(2) Survey on international distribution of tunas	<p>tags were collected (the vessel owner paid the actual cost incurred).</p> <p>--Demonstration test of traceability using QR code attached on the electronic tags.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitoring of import data on frozen tunas by fishing vessels of OPRT Members, and monthly report of such data to OPRT Members and the related governments</li> <li>- Monitoring the compliance status of RFMO fishery quota</li> <li>- Analysis of information on trade statistics and other sources</li> </ul>
<b>5. Promotion of international exchange and cooperation among fishers for conservation and management of tuna resources</b>	
(1) Holding of meetings for exchange views and information	- Informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT Members about "Capacity management of tuna longline vessels by OPRT and the future direction"(continued from 2023 FY)
(2) Provision of related information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seminars and workshops for OPRT members (See 6.(3) OPRT seminars and workshops)</li> <li>- Issuance of Report from the Secretariat (9 times)</li> </ul>
<b>6. Promotion and education of the concept of responsible tuna fisheries</b>	
(1) Publication and distribution of OPRT Newsletters (in Japanese and English)	<p>Publication of OPRT newsletters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Japanese version: 6 issues Sent approx.570 copies each by mail or hand delivery and approx. 170 by e-mail (also posted on the OPRT website)</li> <li>- English version: 2 issues Sent to approx. 80 persons by e-mail, and approx. 80 copies printed and sent to foreign embassies, reporters etc. mainly in Tokyo (also posted on the OPRT website)</li> </ul>
(2) Provision of information to the public through OPRT website (English and Japanese)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update of OPRT Websites (Japanese and English): cumulative numbers of visitors are 7,262 for Japanese version and 2,707 for English version as of the end of March 2025.</li> <li>- OPRT press release: 5 times, including "The 21st Wild sashimi tuna campaign", "YouTube video streaming to increase consumption of wild and frozen tuna," etc.</li> <li>- Streaming videos aimed at increasing consumption of wild and frozen tuna on YouTube ("The origin of October 10th is Tuna Day," "Why wild and frozen tuna is delicious," and others (7 types of videos in total))</li> </ul>
(3) Holding of OPRT seminars and workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1st OPRT Seminar "Wild and Sashimi Tuna Study Group": on October 10, 2024. (For details, see 3. (2))</li> <li>- "E-Monitoring Workshop" and "Tuna Market Workshop": on March 7, 2025 (Web conference included). Participants include the Fisheries Agency of Japan, OPRT full members, and supporting members (supporting members are observers). Presentations were given by the Fisheries Agency of Japan and OPRT members (China, Korea, Taiwan, Japan), and participants exchanged opinions. The results of the meetings compiled by the secretariat were shared as common understandings among members.</li> </ul>
(4) Recruiting new OPRT Supporting Members	-242 members (59 corporate members, 0 foreign corporate members, 183 individual members)(Number of registered members as of the end of March 2025)
(5) Promotion of OPRT activities through cooperation with friendly organizations	- Lectures to OFCF trainees on "responsible tuna fisheries" (2 times)

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<b>7. Management of the fund for FOC vessel scrapping project</b>	
(1) Facilitation of collection fees	<p>Amount collected during 2024 FY JPY 28,304,538 ① (Include deposit interest JPY 15,467)</p> <p>Expense for collection JPY -1,169,707 ②</p> <hr/> <p>Total JPY 27,134,831 ③</p> <p>Collected during 2024 FY (for payment in 2025) JPY 25,500,000 *</p> <p>Surplus amount : ③ - 25,500,000 = JPY 1,634,831</p> <p>*From fiscal year 2024 onwards, the amount to be returned to OFCF will not be the amount collected minus various expenses as in the past. As the repayment deadline will be set at the end of fiscal year 2031, after the fiscal year 2024 return (June 2024), the remaining amount of JPY 178,395,715 will be divided over seven years until fiscal year 2031, and approximately JPY 25,500,000 will be returned each year. In addition, if there is a surplus in the amount of the annual return, it will be saved and used in preparation for later return.</p>
(2) Payment to the OFCF	<p>JPY 33,433,032 (June 18, 2024) (In accordance with the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting in 2024) (details)</p> <p>Amount collected during 2023 FY JPY 34,600,644 (Include deposit interest JPY 249 )</p> <p>Expense for collection JPY - 1,167,612 (Including outsourcing costs)</p> <hr/> <p>Total JPY 33,433,032</p> <p>The amount due for payment after this payment JPY 178,395,715</p>