

The Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries Business Report on 2025 Fiscal Year (April 01, 2025 - March 31, 2026)

1. Membership

Membership to the OPRT as of the end of March 2026 is as follows:

- (1) Full members:** 23 organizations*
- (2) Officers:** 14 (12 Directors and 2 Auditors)
- (3) Staff members:** 4

* Fiji Fishing Industry Association joined the OPRT as a full member on May 19, 2026. Therefore, the total number of full members of the OPRT is 24 as of June 23, 2026.

2. Registered Fishing Vessels

The state of registered fishing vessels as of the end of March 2026 is as follows:

Members	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2026)	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2025)
(1) Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Association (JapanTuna)	102	130
(2) National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association of Japan (Kinkatsukyo)	1	1
(Sub Total)	103	131
(4) Taiwan Deepsea Tuna longline Boatowners And Exporters Association	293	317
(5) Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	99	104
(6) Philippine International Tuna Longline Association Inc.	6	6
(7) Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	8	8
(8) China Overseas Fisheries Association (COFA)	219	219
(9) Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (FUNDATUNA)	7	7
(10) Deepsea Fisheries Management of Republic of Seychelles	44	46
(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.	34	35
(15) Cook Islands Commercial Fishing Association Inc. (CICFA)	0	0
(16) Kenya Tuna Fisheries Association (KTFA)	0	0
(17) Malaysia Tuna Association (MTA)	0	—
Grand Total	816	876

3. Business Report of 2025 Fiscal Year

Plans	Results
<p>1. Monitoring and analysis of the state of tuna resources and the trend of international stock management</p> <p>(1) Monitoring, analysis and dissemination of information related to RFMOs</p> <p>(2) Monitoring, analysis and dissemination of information related to environmental NGOs</p> <p>2. Promotion of effective resources management</p> <p>(1) Prevention and elimination of IUU fishing activities</p> <p>(a) Monitoring of tunas imported to Japan</p> <p>(b) Monitoring of Positive Lists of RFMOs</p> <p>(c) Implementation of part of work related to the prior confirmation system for tuna import</p> <p>(d) DNA inspection</p> <p>(2) Promotion of fishing capacity control</p> <p>(3) Management of OPRT-registered fishing vessels</p> <p>(4) Monitoring of the international transactions of second-hand tuna longline fishing vessels and investigation on the status of exported second-hand vessels</p> <p>(5) Measures to mitigate bycatch and collection of related information</p>	<p>- Compiled the results of RFMOs' annual meetings based on online participation and various information sources, and distributed them to members as Reports from the Secretariat.</p> <p>- Regularly analyzed trends in collaboration with the Fisheries Agency of Japan and the Research institutes.</p> <p>- Collected and analyzed international tuna-related information from the ATUNA, ISSF, etc.</p> <p>- Attended at a briefing session on the results of the project on research and analysis of tuna stocks by the Fisheries Resources Institute.</p> <p>- Monitored the activities of environmental NGOs and ESG (environmental, social, and governance) related to tuna, and distributed the information to members through OPRT NEWSLETTER and OPRT NEWSLETTER INTERNATIONAL.</p> <p>- Analyzed import data of approx. 15,000 cases (Entry of all the data into the OPRT database.)</p> <p>- Monitored changes in fishing capacity, etc. (Avg.9,000 cases/month)</p> <p>- Imported Tuna Data Analysis project: Project entrusted by the Fisheries Agency of Japan</p> <p>- Reviewed and followed up on the "Report on the import of frozen tuna to Japan" in according to the instructions of MAFF. (Checking: approx.15,600 cases, Demanding: approx. 24,500 cases)</p> <p>- 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 (28 vessels), Yellowfin (2 vessels) Number of specimens analyzed: 750 specimens from 30 vessels: 30 non-Japanese vessels (28 vessels via reefer carriers and 2 vessels via reefer containers). Flag of vessels analyzed: Taiwan, Vanuatu, Seychelles, China, Oman</p> <p>- Continued exchange views among OPRT Members about "Capacity management of tuna longline vessels by OPRT and the future direction".</p> <p>- Updated the list of OPRT registered vessels and published them on the OPRT web site.</p> <p>- Monitored trade of second-hand fishing vessels among OPRT Members and others (Transfer of 1 vessel (Seychelles → Malaysia) under coordination).</p> <p>- " Revision to OPRT Policy on Bycatch Issues " was adopted and posted on the OPRT web site. Updated the policy on the OPRT website to reflect the revised bycatch measures in the RFMOs.</p>

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<p>3. Promotion of responsible tuna fisheries through promotion of sustainable use of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Implementing the 22 nd wild sashimi tuna campaigns</p> <p>(2) Promoting increased consumption using SNS and promotional activities for foreign tourists</p> <p>(3) Collecting information on markets outside Japan (including inbound consumption)</p> <p>4. Research and studies on management, trade and market of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Monitoring of distribution of tunas imported to Japan’s sashimi market</p>	<p>-22nd Wild Sashimi Tuna Campaign; “October 10th is Day of Tuna”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The campaign was conducted from Oct. 1 to Oct. 10, 2025 - It was conducted through 101 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, OPRT overseas Members and Supporting Members (Organizations). - The OPRT distributed leaflets (20,000), posters (500), gift entry boxes (100). - The total applications were 2,513, consisting of 1,643 by post card and 870 by email. <p>A total of 150 sets of southern bluefin tuna tasting set (600g total) were presented through a lucky draw for people who filled out questionnaire forms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey of participating stores: Responded from 36 stores out of 101 stores - A press conference was held on Sep. 22, 2025, jointly by All Japan Fish Retailers Union and OPRT. - A press release was made on Sep. 22, 2025. - Wild sashimi tunas study group "October 10th is Tuna Day - Fisheries Resources Seminar" was held on Oct. 10, 2025 (at 5floor meeting room, Shufu Kaikan plaza F) - 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.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Toward the Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources Speaker: Ms. Chikage Yoshikawa, Assistant Director, Processing and Distribution Division, Fisheries Agency 2) Southern Bluefin Tuna is the Southern Hemisphere's Bluefin Tuna Speaker: Mr. Tsurizao Morita, Owner of the "Izugin" Fish Shop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Streamed videos titled “October 10th as "the Day of Tuna" in four languages: English, Chinese (simplified and traditional), and Korean on YouTube. - Displayed posters for inbound tourists at the PR corner of Toyosu Market - Displayed English-language notices for inbound tourists on digital signage at Toyosu Ichiba-mae Station - An informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT members was held on June 19, 2025 on the theme of “Potential Expansion of Sashimi-grade Tunas to EU, BRICS, and the Middle East Markets.” - Monitored online information from overseas media and trade publications such as ATUNA. <p>- Project of CCSBT Management Tag Survey and Market Survey: Project entrusted by CCSBT Survey of 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 39 wholesalers and importers --Interview with 2 wholesalers and 1 importer</p>

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<p>(2) Survey on international distribution of tunas</p> <p>5. Promotion of international exchange and cooperation among fishers for conservation and management of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Holding of meetings for exchange views and information</p> <p>(2) Provision of related information</p> <p>6. Promotion and education of the concept of responsible tuna fisheries</p> <p>(1) Publication and distribution of OPRT Newsletters (in Japanese and English)</p> <p>(2) Provision of information to the public through OPRT website (English and Japanese)</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.]</p> <p>-Pilot test for introducing managing system using electronic tags 250 tags (1st voyage 150 tags, 2nd voyage 100tags) 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 tags were collected</p> <p>--Demonstration test of traceability using QR code attached on the electronic tags.</p> <p>- Monitored import data on frozen tunas by fishing vessels of OPRT Members, and monthly report of such data to OPRT Members and the related governments</p> <p>- Monitored the compliance status of RFMO fishery quota</p> <p>- Analyzed information on trade statistics and other sources</p> <p>- Informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT Members about “Potential Expansion of Sashimi-grade Tunas to EU, BRICS, and the Middle East Markets.” (See 3.(3))</p> <p>- Exchange of views with the Taiwan Tuna Longline Association (Nov. 2025)</p> <p>- Exchange of views with the Malaysia Tuna Association (Nov. 2025)</p> <p>- Seminars for OPRT members (See 6.(3) OPRT seminars)</p> <p>- Issuance of Report from the Secretariat (8 times)</p> <p>Publication of OPRT newsletters</p> <p>- Japanese edition: 6 issues Sent to approx. 160 recipients by email and approx.530 printed copies by mail (also posted on the OPRT website) --No.135 was the "25th Anniversary Issue" --An article commemorating OPRT’s 25th anniversary in the Suisan-Keizai was published on Dec.8, 2025.</p> <p>- English edition: 3 issues Sent to approx. 80 recipients by email, and approx. 80 printed copies by mail, mainly to foreign embassies in Tokyo, reporters etc. (also posted on the OPRT website)</p> <p>- Update of OPRT Websites (Japanese and English): cumulative numbers of visitors are 7,491 for Japanese version and 2,196 for English version as of the end of March 2026.</p> <p>- OPRT press release: 4 times, including “The 22nd Wild sashimi tuna campaign”, “Promotion of Sushi-sashimi grade tuna for inbound tourists,” etc.</p> <p>-New Year’s Press conference by OPRT president (published on the Suisan-Keizai and the Minto)</p> <p>- Streaming YouTube video in 4 languages “October 10th is Day of Tuna”</p>

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<p>(3) Holding of OPRT seminars</p> <p>(4) Recruiting new OPRT Supporting Members</p> <p>(5) Promotion of OPRT activities through cooperation with friendly organizations</p>	<p>-Seminar for OPRT members : “Towards sustainable use of fishery resources ~Fisheries Agency “Sakana no Hi (Fish Days)”~”was held on Jun. 19, 2025. (at 1st Conference Room, US Hanzomon building 5 Floor & WEB meeting) Speaker: Ms. Chikage Yoshikawa, Assistant Director, Processing and Distribution Division, Fisheries Agency</p> <p>-1st OPRT Seminar : "Wild Sashimi Tuna study group" was held on Oct. 10, 2025. (at Shufu Kaikan Plaza F conference room) (See 3.(1) for details.)</p> <p>-227 members (57 corporate members, 0 foreign corporate members, 170 individual members) (Number of registered members as of the end of March 2026)</p> <p>- Lectures to OFCF trainees on “responsible tuna fisheries” (2 times)</p>
<p>7. Management of the fund for FOC vessel scrapping project</p> <p>(1) Smooth collection of fees</p> <p>(2) Repayment to the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation</p>	<p>Amount collected during 2025 FY JPY 36,295,770 ① (Including deposit interest JPY 106,252)</p> <p>Expenses for collection JPY -1,436,464 ② (Including outsourced work costs)</p> <hr/> <p>Total JPY 34,859,306 ③</p> <p>Planned repayment amount in 2026 FY JPY 25,500,000 Surplus: ③ -25,500,000 = JPY 9,359,306 (Accumulated Surplus: JPY 10,994,137)</p> <p>JPY 25,500,000 (Repaid on March 23, 2026) (In accordance with the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting in 2025)</p> <p>The amount due for payment after this payment JPY 152,895,715</p>