

The Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries Business Report of 2022 Business Year (April 01, 2022 - March 31, 2023)

1. Membership

Membership to the OPRT as of the end of March 2023 is as follows:

- (1) **Full-members:** 23 organizations
- (2) **Officers:** 15 (13 Directors and 2 Auditors)
- (3) **Staff members:** 4

2. Registered Fishing Vessels

The state of registered fishing vessels as of the end of March 2023 is as follows:

Members	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2023)	Number of Fishing Vessels (As of the end of March 2022)
(1) Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association (JapanTuna)	129	135
(2) National Ocean Tuna Fishery Association (Enkatsukyo)	21	19
(3) National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association (Kinkatsukyo)	1	1
(Sub Total)	151	155
(4) Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna long-line Boatowners And Exporters Association	296	296
(5) Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	103	102
(6) Philippine International Tuna Longline Association Inc.	6	6
(7) Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	8	8
(8) China Overseas Fisheries Association (COFA)	222	222
(9) Foundation for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries (FUNDATUNA)	7	7
(10) Deepsea Fisheries Management of Republic of Seychelles	50	60
(11) FSM National Offshore Fisheries Association (FSM-NOFA)	1	1
(12) Tuvalu Tuna Association (TuTA)	0	0
(13) Nareau Tuna Boat Owners Association of Kiribati (NTA)	1	1
(14) Marshall Islands Tuna Fisheries Association (MITFA)	0	0
(15) Ming Dar Fishery (Vanuatu) Co., Ltd.	55	57
(16) Cook Islands Commercial Fishing Association Inc.(CICFA)	0	0
Grand Total	900	915

3. Business Report of 2022 Business 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) Implementation of part of work related to the prior confirmation system for tuna import</p> <p>(c) Monitoring of Positive Lists of RFMOs</p> <p>(d) DNA analysis</p>	<p>- Participation as observer in the RFMOs' annual meeting (IOTC, IATTC, WCPFC, ICCAT). Participation in ICCAT Panel 1 (conservation and management of tropical tunas) intersessional meetings.</p> <p>The results were sent to foreign Members as Reports from the Secretariat.</p> <p>- Attendance at a briefing session on the result of the project on research and analysis of tuna stocks in 2022 (WEB meeting)</p> <p>- Gathering of information related to the CITES COP (amendment of Appendices, etc.) and notice of "CITES proposal to list sharks including blue shark in Appendix II" to OPRT Members</p> <p>- Submission of the "OPRT Resolution to address labor issues on board tuna longline fishing vessels" to tuna RFMOs as a follow-up to the Workshop on Labor issues held on March 2022 and making a presentation on it at the WCPFC 2nd Intersessional Workshop on Improving Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels</p> <p>- Gathering of information on the activities of NGOs on labor issue</p> <p>Analysis on import data of approx. 16,000 cases (Entry of all the data into the OPRT database.)</p> <p>Monitoring of change in fishing capacity, etc. (Avg. 7,500 vessels /month)</p> <p>(i) DNA analysis: Project entrusted by the Fisheries Agency of Japan</p> <p>- Project Partners: Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, Tokai University and Nihon Kaiji Kentei Kyokai</p>

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<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>(a) Measures to mitigate bycatch of seabirds, sea turtles and sharks</p> <p>(b) Measures to reduce bycatch of juvenile tunas by FADs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Target of analysis: round fish and processed products imported by reefer carriers, reefer containers, etc. - Analyzed species: Bigeye (57 vessels), Yellowfin (3 vessels) - Number of specimens analyzed: 1,500 specimens from 60 vessels (49 vessels via reefer carriers and 11 vessels via reefer containers) - Flag of vessels analyzed: Taiwan, Vanuatu, Seychelles, China, Namibia, Fiji, Korea, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Oman & Japan - Organized the informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT Members about "Capacity management of tuna longline vessels by OPRT and the future direction". Discussed how to handle transactions of second-hand tuna longline fishing vessels. - Updating the list and publishing in the OPRT Web site. - Updated the system of OPRT registered vessels data base - Monitoring of trade of second-hand fishing vessels among OPRT Members (3 vessels from Japan to Korea) - Circulated to the OPRT members "The Draft OPRT Policy on Bycatch issues" for comments. - Requested the ISSF to consider the Draft OPRT Policy on Bycatch issues on its conservation measures - Monitoring of discussion on FADs management at RFMO meetings (made statement at the 2022 IOTC annual meeting)
<p>3. Promotion of responsible tuna fisheries through promotion of sustainable use of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Implementation of campaigns for sashimi tunas, with a focus on "October 10 Tuna Day".</p> <p>(2) Support and strengthening of events related to the tuna campaign</p>	<p>Summary of the 19th campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The campaign was conducted from Oct. 1 to Oct. 10, 2022, using a slogan "Red color of tunas is the source of health." - It was conducted through 144 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.

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<p>(3) Participation in seafood shows</p> <p>4. Research and studies on management, trade and market of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Monitoring of the distribution of tunas imported to Japan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OPRT distributed leaflets (22,000), posters (600), gift entry boxes (170), and banner flags (200) - The total applications were 3,097 consisting of 2,791 by post card and 306 by e-mail. <p>A total of 150 sets of 3 sakus of frozen bigeye (700g or more) were presented through a lucky draw for people who filled out questionnaire forms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The OPRT staff visited 4 stores participating in the campaign. - A press conference was held on Sep. 20, 2022 jointly by All Japan Fish Retailers Union and OPRT. - A press release was made on Sep. 20, 2022. <p>From the perspective of preventing the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, the OPRT did not hold an exhibition at Japan International Sea Food Show from Oct. 24 to Nov. 26, 2022 at Tokyo Big Sight after consulting with Members concerned.</p> <p>Research on SBT domestic marketing and distribution entrusted by the Fisheries Agency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Partners: National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries - Holding of Research Planning Committee (2 times) - Collection of statistical data on market <p>-Interview with 4 wholesalers and 1 importer as well as questionnaire survey of 47 importers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collection and analysis of information printed on tags attached to SBT by the year of production and by country (24 times at Toyosu Market, 49 times at Yaizu, total 10,455 specimens) <p>Project on management of tuna distribution using electronic tags, which had been entrusted by the government of Japan until 2019 BY, and has been carried out since 2020 BY at the OPRT's own expense. Project Partners: Tomioka Seisakusho Co., Ltd and Tanaka Senyohin Co., Ltd.</p> <p>Development, introduction and verification of new electronic tags (IC chips for UHF band) as well as improvement of the compiling method of scanned data</p> <p>Experimental operation: 250 tags were distributed to 1 school</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 contributing to conservation and management of tuna resources</p> <p>(1) Holding of meetings for exchange of views</p> <p>(2) Provision of related information</p> <p>6. Promotion of and education on responsible tuna fisheries</p> <p>(1) Publication of OPRT Newsletters (in Japanese and English)</p> <p>(2) Provision of information through OPRT website</p>	<p>training vessel and information on the tags were collected.</p> <p>500 tags were distributed to 1 Japanese vessel and information on the tags were collected (the vessel owner paid the actual cost incurred).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establishment of traceability in the marketing and distribution of tunas (for preventing distribution of tunas caught by IUU fisheries) - 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 - Monitoring of the compliance status of fishery quota - Analysis of information on trade statistics and other sources <p>(1) Informal meeting to exchange views among OPRT Members about “Capacity management of tuna longline vessels by OPRT and the future direction”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seminars for OPRT members (was held as 6.(3) OPRT seminar) - Issuance of Report from the Secretariat (8 times No.10-No.17) <p>Publication of OPRT newsletters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Japanese version: 6 issues <p>Sent approx.820 copies each by mail or hand delivery and approx. 170 by e-mail (also posted on the OPRT website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - English version: 4 issues <p>Sent to approx. 100 persons by e-mail, and approx. 90 copies printed and sent to foreign embassies, reporters etc. mainly in Tokyo (also posted on the OPRT website)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update of OPRT Websites (Japanese and English): cumulative numbers of visitors are approx. 3,000 for Japanese version and approx.9,000 for English version as of the end of March 2023. - OPRT press release: 4 times, including " The 19th Wild sashimi tuna campaign"

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(3) Holding of OPRT seminars, etc.	1st OPRT Seminar: "Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for Tuna stocks" (at JFA conference room & WEB meeting on June 20)
(4) Recruitment of new Supporting Members	2nd OPRT Seminar: "MSE for Atlantic bluefin tuna" Shingo OTA, OPRT Managing Director (posting of the documents on the website from Feb. 6-10)
(5) Publicity activities through cooperation with friendly organizations	263 members (60 corporate members, 2 foreign corporate members, 201 individual members)
	(Number of registered members as of the end of March 2022)
	- Cooperation to Umi-no-sachi News issued by the Beneficiaries of the Sea Coalition
	- Lectures to OFCF trainees on "responsible tuna fisheries" (2 times)
7. Management of the fund for FOC vessel scrapping project	
(1) Payment to OFCF	JPY 29,637,334 (June 28, 2022)
	(In accordance with the decision of the Ordinary General Meeting in 2022)
	(details)
	Amount collected during 2021 FY JPY 30,810,884
	(Include deposit interest JPY 286)
	Expense for collection JPY -1,173,550
	(Including outsourcing costs for collecting individual project fees)
	Total JPY 29,637,334
	The amount due for payment after this payment
	JPY 241,089,069
(2) Amount transferred to the Fund	Amount collected during 2022 FY (for payment in 2023)
	JPY 29,260,322
	(details)
	Amount collected during 2022 FY JPY 30,437,995
	(Include deposit interest JPY 246)
	Expense for collection JPY -1,177,673
	(Including outsourcing costs for collecting individual project fee)
	Total JPY 29,260,322