

The Present & the Future of International Tuna Longline Fishing Industry



Organization for the Promotion of Responsible Tuna Fisheries



OPRT represents

All stake holders in tuna fisheries including owners of tuna longline fishing vessels in the world, traders, distributors and consumers in Japan.



Nature of OPRT registered vessels

- Large scale tuna longline fishing vessel with more than 24 meters In length
- Equipped with ultra low temperature (minus 60 C) freezing cold storage
- To supply tuna for Sashimi market

OPRT registered vessels as of March 2010

Members	March 2010
Japan Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association National Ocean Tuna Fishery Association National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association	275
Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna long-Line Boatowners and Exporters Association	359
Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	146
OPRT Philippines Inc.	26
Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	15
China Fisheries Association (Distant Water Fisheries Branch)	138
FUNDATUNA (Ecuador)	7
Deep Sea Tuna Longline (Seychelles) Association	32
Legitimized vessels (Vanuatu registered)	48
The Fiji Tuna Boat Owners' Association	21
Federated States of Micronesia National Offshore Fisheries Association	[9(Planned)]
Malaysian Tuna Association	[5(Planned)]
Total	1,067

Trend of number of vessels registered

Members	Nov. 2001	Mar. 2002	Mar. 2003	Mar. 2004	Mar. 2005	Mar. 2006	Mar. 2007	Mar. 2008	Mar. 2009	Mar. 2010
Japan Japan Tuna Fisheries Cooperative Association National Ocean Tuna Fishery Association National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association	495	490	495	473	434	381	363	360	254	275
Taiwan Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna long-Line Boatowners and Exporters Association	562	562	599	597	600	526	420	392	369	359
Korea Korea Overseas Fisheries Association (Tuna Longline Fisheries Committee)	-	183	176	174	172	172	160	156	148	146
Philippines OPRT Philippines Inc.	-	6	17	17	18	26	28	28	26	26
Indonesia Indonesia Tuna Association (ASTUIN)	-	-	14	14	14	14	15	17	17	15
China China Fisheries Association (Distant Water Fisheries Branch)	-	-	-	105	113	113	117	121	136	138
Ecuador FUNDATUNA	-	-	-	5	5	4	4	4	5	7
Seychelles Deepsea Tuna Longline (Seychelles) Association	-	-	-	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21)	(21) 6	(21) 6	21
Vanuatu Legitimized vessels	-	-	-	(48)	(48)	(48)	(48)	(48)	(48)	(48)
Fiji The Fiji Tuna Boat Owners' Association (FTBOA)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	21
Federated States of Micronesia Federated States of Micronesia National Offshore Fisheries Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[9] (Planned)
Malaysia Malaysian Tuna Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	[5] (Planned)
	1,057	1,241	1,301	1,454	1,425	1,305	1,176	1,153	1,049	1,067

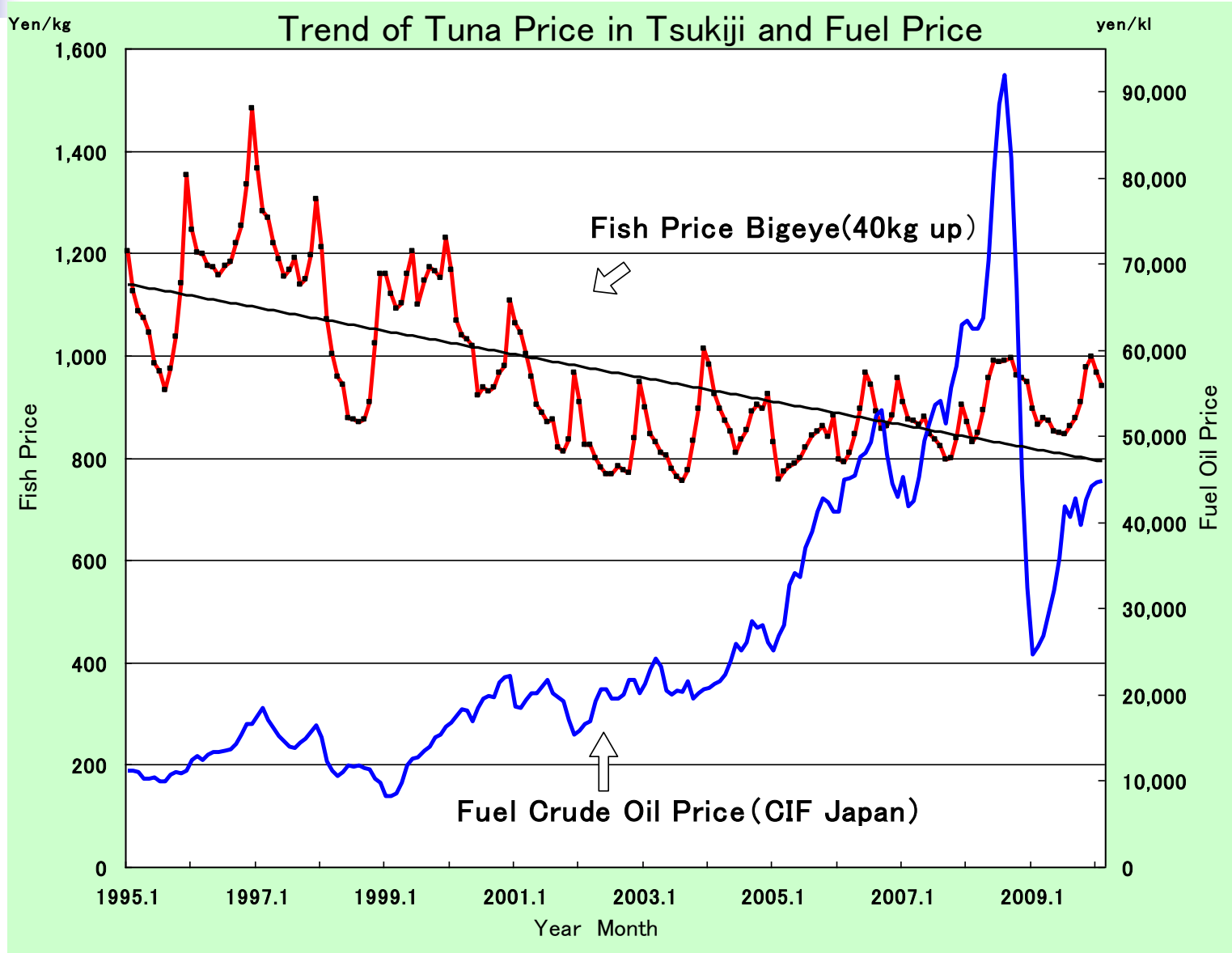
Remarks: Figures in parenthesis are legitimized vessels.



Main causes of reduction of vessels

- A . Strict fishing regulations and reduction of catch quota
 - (Japan scrapped 87 vessels in 2009)
 - (Taiwan scrapped 160 vessels in 2007)
- B . Low sashimi tuna price
- C . Acute increase of fuel oil in 2008
- D . Somalia Piracy

Trend of Tuna Price in Tsukiji and Fuel Price





The future depends on

- Sustainable tuna resources
- Price in sashimi markets



Future sashimi markets

Globalization of Sashimi tuna market

Unit:MT

United States:	30,000	~	50,000
European Union:	4,000	~	8,000
Korea:	15,000	~	20,000
Chinese Taipei:	5,000	~	8,000
P.R.China:	6,000	~	10,000
Total:	60,000	~	96,000
Japan:	300,000	~	400,000



Serious concerns for the Future

Sustainability of tuna resources

- Key issue : Over fishing capacity



OPRT has been working hard to address over fishing capacity

- **Elimination IUU large tuna longline fishing vessels**
- **No increase of number of large scale tuna longline fishing vessels in the world**



Impact of Catch of Juvenile Tunas by FADs

Urgent need to minimize massive catch of juvenile tunas by FADs

Thank you for your attention



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