



2 MAY

# WORLD TUNA DAY

"Bluefin tuna is sort of like the cheetah of the ocean.  
It is the fastest fish."

- Paul Watson -



## Why do We Mark This Day?



Tuna has been one of our favorite canned fish foods throughout the years. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), tuna is the world's most consumed fish in the world. In 2018, the total world catch production of tuna reached approximately 4.6 million tons and it is expected to increase because of the surge in the population growth.

Because of its health impact around the world, tuna is threatened by an overwhelming demand which made its biodiversity and production vulnerable. In response to the threat of tuna biodiversity, the United Nations (UN) established World Tuna Day on May 2, 2017, to raise awareness about the importance of tuna as a source of food and of promoting more sustainable fishing tuna practices.



## Questions for Discussion

✓ What can you expect to happen to the stocks of tuna in the ocean if there is a high demand for it?

✓ What will be the possible consequences of exploiting tuna's full capacity in the ocean?

✓ What has to be done to promote sustainable tuna fishing practices?



## Meet Today's Global Citizens



Sari Tolvanen

She is an environmentalist at Greenpeace Movement who advocates the importance of sustainable fishing in protecting and conserving tuna population. Through its work in the region, Greenpeace aims to safeguard the future of the marine ecosystem and the people who depend on it.



Dr. Gemma Badia

She is a fisheries expert from the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), who promotes conservation and preservation of Mediterranean bluefin tuna. She also studied the reasons for the decline of bluefin tuna and underscored how WWF works to ensure a sustainable future for tuna fish.

