



Our members activities at a glance: Fishing and processing tropical tuna

Eurothon members are committed to sustainable fishing. They fish and process yellowfin, skipjack and bigeye tuna, which are the most popular tropical tuna species for the production of canned tuna, and also albacore tuna which can be found in tropical and temperate waters. Eurothon members take part in the whole supply chain from the boat to the can, bringing consumers the safest and most sustainable fish possible.

Eurothon members constantly invest in the improvement of their fishing techniques, ensuring that everything from the material used, the boat shape, the engine technology, the fuel tanks or the navigation support technology, contributes to increasing the efficiency of their boats and minimizes their environmental impact. All Eurothon tropical tuna fleet members have registered their vessels in the respective registers of the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations and in the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation ProActive Vessel Register. By doing so, they have subscribed to a comprehensive set of voluntary measures covering supply chain transparency, data of catches and crew training on best fishing practices.

EUROTHON MEMBERS IN EUROPE

Our facilities across Europe produce roughly 340,000 tons of canned tuna annually, in over 100 establishments mostly based in four coun-

tries: Spain, Italy, France and Portugal. This represents around 50% of the EU canned tuna market.

The EU tuna fleet is composed of 30 Spanish and 22 French purse seiners. The European tuna industry is an important socio-economic activity in Europe.

The European tuna sector directly provides 25,000 jobs in the EU, and creates 54,000 indirect jobs in supporting sectors.

EUROTHON MEMBERS IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA

In African ACP countries, our members provide an estimated 20,000 direct jobs, processing 350,000 tons of tuna per year and providing a living for 300,000 people. The main areas of activity are in the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Senegal, Madagascar, the Seychelles, Mauritius and Kenya. In total, there are about 15 processing sites in Africa.

In Latin America, close to the large fishing zones in the Pacific, we provide around 6,000 direct jobs, while

200,000 people are estimated to be living from this activity. Production in the region reaches 560,000 tons per year. The main areas of our activity are in Guatemala, El Salvador, Ecuador and Panama. In total, there are more than 30 processing sites in Latin America.

Tuna processing and canning in ACP African and Latin American countries contributes to developing value-added activity in these countries.

Compliance, leadership and sustainability

Eurothon members fishing and processing tuna activities are comprehensively regulated, monitored and controlled by international rules, EU and Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) regulations irrespective of the region they operate in.

We always operate on the basis of strict fishing licenses. These also include bilateral EU sustainable fisheries partnership agreements (SFPAs), negotiated and signed between the European Union and coastal countries. These agreements determine the number of EU vessels allowed in third countries waters as well as the economic compensation and cooperation funds for sectorial support provided to coastal countries. The respect of all our agreements is strictly monitored by the EU and the third countries.

We have launched the Tuna Transparency Initiative (TTI) which cements our transparency, sustainability and cooperation commitments across the world's oceans.

In this context, we lead by example and pride ourselves on targeting 100 percent observer coverage on our vessels, all of which are also monitored continuously by Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and Electronic Reporting System (ERS) of EU Member States monitoring centres and Coastal States alike.

EUROTHON members are engaged with scientists to continuously improve scientific knowledge of tuna stocks as the best way to promote and practice sustainable tuna purse seine fishing. We facilitate research and analysis of tuna stocks by providing detailed and accurate information on our fishing activities. This data, which is vital for RFMOs and scientific bodies in their

assessment of fish stocks, is the basis of the scientific analysis and stock assessment. Thus, quite often, conservation measures are adopted as a result of our engagement and insight. Eurothon members also lead the research on new techniques that improve purse seine fishing and are reflected in the management measures of the RFMOs. Furthermore, the Eurothon purse seine fleet conducts thorough sampling programmes at each port allowing us to discover the composition and status of different species.



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About us

Eurothon represents the companies active in the European tuna industry sector. Our members are the 7 professional organisations of tuna fleet owners and canneries across Europe. Since the first trips to the tropical tuna fishing waters in the Gulf of Guinea in 1953, the European tuna industry has grown into a world class industry, committed to the highest standards of sustainability and control – and we now meet around half of the European demand for canned tuna.

All of Eurothon’s members have implemented the highest EU standards and rules for responsible fishing across the globe. We consider it essential to guarantee tuna remains a popular and affordable fish, providing one of the most sustainable sources of protein for humans. To achieve this goal, our members lead by example, bringing the best possible canned tuna quality to European consumers. This brochure explains how Eurothon helps the European tuna industry to guarantee sustainability for future generations.

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President



Bringing together the leading companies of the European Tuna industry

Established in 2004, Eurothon is the socio-professional organization of the European Tropical Tuna Fishing, Processing and Trade Industry. It brings together the EU Tropical Tuna fleet as well as tuna processing and trading actors.

Eurothon members are committed to ensuring the sustainability of the European tuna industry in the European and global arena. We have come together to share our longstanding expertise of tuna fishing, processing and trading. We are responsible actors with a long-term vision for sustainable tuna fishing.

Our collective objective is to ensure that ambitious and realistic sustainability and transparency standards are maintained by the European Tuna industry and promoted in the international arena.

Our members are active in Europe, Africa (ACP-Africa) and Latin America. Their fishing activities take place in the Atlantic; Indian and Pacific Oceans.

Eurothon regroups the following professional associations:

The European tropical tuna processing organisations:

- **ANCIT:** Associazione Nazionale Conservieri Ittici e delle Tonnare (Italy)
- **ANFACO-CECOPESCA:** Asociación Nacional de Fabricantes de Conservas de Pescados y Mariscos (Spain)
- **ANICP:** Associação Nacional dos Industriais de Conservas de Peixe (Portugal)
- **FIAC:** Fédération française des Industries d’Aliments Conservés (France)
- **2 UK companies as associate members** (UK Tuna Canners)

The European tuna fleet owners’ organisations:

- **ANABAC:** Asociación Nacional de Armadores de Buques Atuneros Congeladores (Spain)
- **OPAGAC:** Organización de Productores Asociados de Grandes Atuneros Congeladores (Spain)
- **ORTHONGEL:** Organisation des Producteurs de Thon Congelé et Surgelé (France)



We represent a sustainable Tuna industry

Eurothon is the voice of the European tuna sector: we promote dialogue and partnership with European policy makers, regional and global bodies in charge of tuna fisheries management worldwide.

At EU level

Eurothon is actively involved in all consultation processes related to:

- EU Trade agreements and international trade negotiations
- Fisheries partnership agreements negotiations between the EU and the countries we work in
- The development of EU regulations aiming at increasing the sustainability of our sector
- The development of EU phytosanitary regulations in order to guarantee European consumers are provided with the highest possible quality tuna



At global level,

we are active in all the Tuna Commissions of the 4 Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)¹ tasked with the management of tuna

fishing in the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans.

1. Atlantic Ocean : International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Indian Ocean: Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC); Western Pacific : Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) ; Eastern Pacific : Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)