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Tuna Sustainability: Basics

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*EU import
dependance*
72.0%

- ✓ EU canned tuna industry supplies only 46% of the EU market.
- ✓ **EUMOFA** recent report: tuna loins have allowed the canning industry to maintain its competitiveness and its activity in the EU, which otherwise would have faced difficulties competing with factories located near the fishing areas. So it avoided the risk of a delocalization of production facilities outside EU.
- ✓ Increasing global demand and rising fuel and transportation costs have led to a worrying escalation in global raw material prices and operating costs.
- ✓ In today's context of rising prices and scarce availability of raw material, with increasing attention to the sustainability of the resource and of tuna fishing, we believe that any additional restrictions imposed via fees, tariffs and/or custom duties are not in favor of the tuna processing industry. Any initiative aimed at cushioning the impact of the generalized rise in costs is welcome.

What limits should we impose on ourselves in terms of securing access to affordable raw materials?

In an ideal scenario, it would be up to the authorities to establish a perfectly delimited and global baseline, in which the entire resource would be free of illegalities and of negative impacts on the environment and on personal and professional development of all those involved in the supply chain...

But, let's face reality!

In the medium and long-term: need for adequate management of fisheries globally as the basis of our activity.

What are the most basic needs:

- a) **Diagnosis:** requires reliable and comprehensive information about the fisheries. Science-based. Up to date.
- b) **Treatment** to apply: Pre-agreed objectives, methodology and eventual corrective actions, i.e. **HARVEST STRATEGIES** (including reference and limit points & HCRs)

The establishment of effective and enforceable Harvest Strategies is key in the global survival of the consensus-based decision-making of RFMOs to manage tuna fisheries.

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