

Conference Goals and Objectives



The International Tuna Fishers Conference on Responsible Fisheries

aims to identify effective approaches to ensure that tuna and shark fisheries are sustainable and use responsible practices. This goal recognizes the worldwide nutritional, economic, social, environmental and cultural importance of fisheries. The Conference has the following objectives to attain this goal:

Review

- Status of tuna and shark stocks
- Tuna production for sashimi and canning markets
- Production and utilization of sharks
- Global marketing and consumption of tuna and sharks
- Effective principles for eco-labeling programs to promote responsible seafood consumption

Identify

- Priority management and conservation issues for tuna and shark fisheries and alternative solutions
- Solutions to overcapacity and illegal, unregulated, and unreported fishing
- Effective institutional frameworks for fisheries monitoring

The Third International Fishers Forum aims to facilitate identification, discussion, planning and implementation of effective practices and approaches to abate seabird and sea turtle bycatch in longline fisheries. The Forum will pursue the following objectives to reach its goal:

Review

- Commitments and progress since the Second International Fishers Forum
- Knowledge for reducing seabird and sea turtle bycatch in pelagic and demersal longline gear

Share

- Experiences on effective/ineffective approaches to abate fisheries bycatch Identify
- Effective approaches to design and implement experiments and commercial demonstrations of technical measures, including changes in fishing gear and fishing practices, to reduce seabird and sea turtle bycatch in longline fisheries
- Constructive roles for environmental non-governmental organizations and for regional fishery management organizations to help abate fisheries bycatch