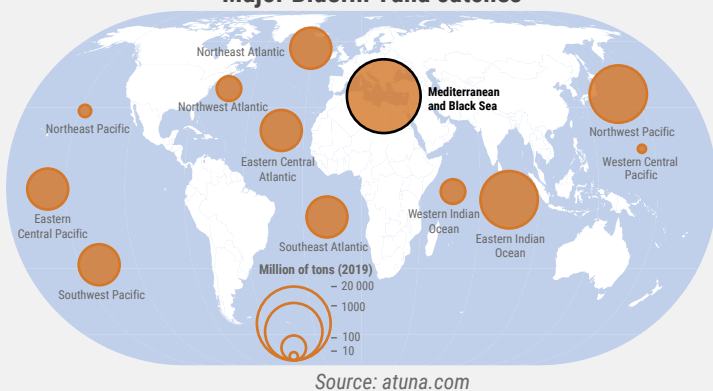




By 2030, effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported, unregulated and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible

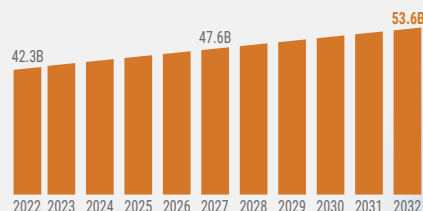
### Major Bluefin Tuna catches



In 2006, experts predicted the extinction of the Bluefin Tuna in the Mediterranean Sea as they were pushed to the **brink of extinction due to the amount of fishing that they endured in the Mediterranean Sea**. As a predator towards the top of the food chain, Bluefin Tuna are an essential part of the sea's ecosystem. Due to their massive amount of meat, weighting around 525 pounds, the Bluefin Tuna were one of the most targeted fish in the Mediterranean Sea.

More than **1/3** of **globalfish stock** are **overfished**

### Prediction of global tuna market



Bluefin tuna harvest in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea by Türkiye ▼  
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▲ The global tuna market is valued at USD\$ 42.3 Billion in 2022 and is projected to reach the value of **USD\$ 53.6 Billion by 2032**

The **Mediterranean Sea is the most overfished place in the world**, fish populations have dropped dramatically over the past fifty years. Decades of rising demand, coupled with falling fish stocks due to increasing use of industrial techniques, poor catch monitoring, the spread of illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing and numerous environmental factors have all contributed to less seafood productivity.

### Mediterranean Fishing Activity in 2023 and marine protected areas



**435 000m tonnes of live weight total tuna catches in the European Union**  
(ec.europa.eu/eurostat, 2017)

