



Many aspects of the biology of tunas still remain mysteries, although the tunas have long served as the basis of a large commercial industry in the United States and are a favorite food of the American table.

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission is an international organization devoted to research on the eastern Pacific tuna and their conservation. Established in 1949 by the United States, Costa Rica, Panama, and Ecuador are now members.

The extensive migrations of tunas have long been suspected by biologists. The tagged fish affords the proof needed to trace the tunas' actual travels. Much more remains to be learned about the living habits and the sizes of the various tuna populations. Only with increased knowledge will the establishment of wise fishing practices and constructive conservation of these valuable fishes be possible.

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