

Production and market study of bluefin tuna in France and Italy

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Companies Involved: Canaest, S.L.

Description of Work

The Spanish Secretariat of Marine Fisheries contracted a production and market study of bluefin tuna in France in Italy. The study was satisfactorily completed with the following contents:

- a) Technical characteristics of the operational fleet, base ports, fishing grounds, support tools and fishing efforts.
- b) Production and first sale price according to destination market. Real impact of technical restrictions.
- c) Bluefin farms in the Mediterranean Sea.
- d) Transformation, commercialisation, average prices and distribution channels

With this study, Spanish authorities wanted to have information about the sustainability of French and Italian fleet in accordance with the quotas fixed through the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT). The team has undertaken an extensive field work in several EC countries.