



## 2022 United Nations Ocean Conference Side Event

*The International declaration for tuna sustainability.*

*A contribution of tuna cities of the world for the sustainable management of tuna*

**28 june, 13:30, virtual**

Organized by: Bermeo Tuna World Capital, Bolton Food, Opagac, AZTI, Basque Government, Bermeo town hall.

### **Background on the event (one paragraph)**

In our virtual side event, we seek to make known the perspective of the different leading cities in the tuna sector on the sustainable management of the tuna sector and to contribute to an improvement in competitiveness in all countries, with the creation and collaboration of an alliance of world cities for the sustainability of tuna. Cities in which tuna is a fundamental part of their economy, social processes, history and future projection, and which pursue the objective of contributing to the sustainable management of tuna and the sustainable development of the oceans, with a strategy that is aligned with the 2030 Agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

This event will also present ***the International Declaration agreement for the sustainability of tuna*** that is expected to be presented next year at the **Bermeo Tuna Forum**, and in which cities, from a global and collaborative perspective, will be able to contribute to its promotion in all areas of influence of the sector.

Organisations linked to the tuna value chain, BTWC, public institutions and representatives of the different world tuna cities will take part in this virtual event.

### **Key Issues discussed (5- 8 bullet points)**

Tools for the sustainable management of the tuna fisheries sector

Fight against illegal fishing

Selectivity in tuna fishing practices

Union in alliance of the different world tuna cities

Key points of the International Declaration for tuna sustainability

**Key recommendations for action (5 - 6 bullet points)**

Creation of an alliance of world tuna cities for a sustainable tuna sector

Promoting the shared commitments of the Declaration in fishing communities

Raising public awareness of the need to safeguard this precious resource and its ecosystems.

Relevance of sustainability seals

Implementation of good sustainable fishing practices in all fishing communities

**Voluntary Commitments (one paragraph)**

Through the International Declaration for Tuna Sustainability agreement, we promote a series of shared commitments between the different public/private actors linked to the sector, in order to ensure the sustainability of the tuna fishing sector. These commitments refer to the discrimination of fish from illegal fishing, the promotion of the nutritional value of tuna, and the promotion of gender equality in the sector, to foster the compulsoriness of reporting the origin of the fish on all products, above all on canned and frozen products....