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CLEAN SEAS SUPPORTS GOVERNMENT MOVES ON SBT OVER-FISHING

Clean Seas Tuna Limited has today welcomed the Australian Government's actions in seeking to expose the over-fishing of Southern Bluefin Tuna ("SBT").

Clean Seas' Managing Director Marcus Stehr is responding to recent widespread debate concerning SBT.

The Australian Government submitted a paper to the Committee for the Conservation of the Southern Bluefin Tuna ("CCSBT"), the international body responsible for monitoring tuna catching, demonstrating that more than 20,000 tonnes of SBT are being caught per year in excess of the allowable quota.

"While the quotas for Japan, Australia, Korea, Taiwan, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa and Indonesia allow 14,925 tonnes of SBT to be caught annually, the fact that the Federal authorities believe that up to 40,000 tonnes of SBT is being sold in Japan each year is a matter of grave concern," Mr Stehr said.

"While the Australian tuna industry's catch is tightly regulated, the CCSBT should take immediate action to stop the over-fishing."

Clean Seas business plan involves the breeding and growing out of SBT from its own SBT broodstock at its hatchery at Arno Bay in South Australia.

"The end of SBT over-fishing should have a positive effect on Clean Seas," Mr Stehr said.

"Firstly, the price received for SBT should increase. Secondly, the extent of the over-fishing shows that there should be demand in Japan for Clean Seas' long-term production target of 10,000 tonnes per year of SBT"

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