

# Tag-A-Giant Foundation

Ensuring the Future of Bluefin Tuna

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## 1,000<sup>th</sup> Tag Makes History in Canada!

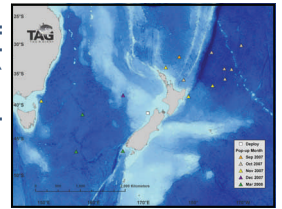
Thirteen years after the Tag-A-Giant team deployed their first electronic tag on an Atlantic bluefin tuna, scientists made history when they released a 1250-lber with the 1,000<sup>th</sup> tag off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Combined with a record-breaking trip off San Diego where 112 Pacific bluefin were tagged and 23 fish tagged off New Zealand, it was an exciting few months at TAG. [More details...](#)



## Tag Ticker

	Tags Out	Data In
<b>Atlantic</b>	1008	444
<b>Pacific</b>	596	290

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## TAG Co-Hosts International Conference

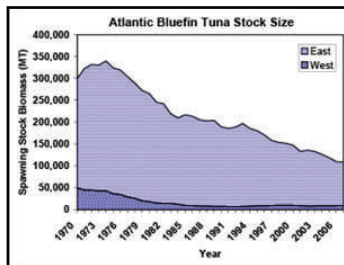
What do you get when you combine 200+ scientists from 20 countries, 89 species and electronic tags? The Third International Biologging Science Symposium! [More details...](#)

**Data Highlight:** Pop-up locations of giant Pacific bluefin tuna tagged off the west coast of New Zealand's South Island in August 2007, showing short-term residency in the area.

**Did You Know?** Bluefin tuna are endothermic, meaning they can maintain a warm, stable body temperature throughout their wide thermal niche like a mammal or bird. TGF tagging has recorded body temperatures up to 69.8°F above that of the surrounding water!

## Sobering News for Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Status

The 2008 Atlantic bluefin tuna stock assessment was far from surprising — the western population remains at precariously low levels and the eastern population is declining precipitously. [More details...](#)



## Bluefin Policy Update

- [2008 ICCAT Meeting Results](#)
- [NMFS Proposes Spawning Habitat Designation](#)
- [ICCAT Independent Review](#)
- [Pacific Bluefin Stock Status](#)
- [Pacific Bluefin Resolution](#)

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