

# Tag-A-Giant Foundation

Ensuring the Future of Bluefin Tuna

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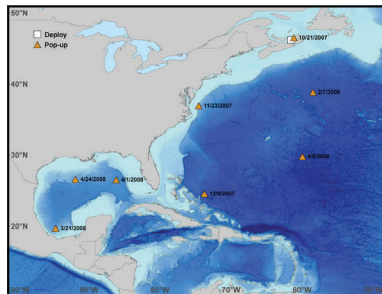
## TAG Returns to Familiar Haunts

TGF needs more tagging data to solve the bluefin's mysteries, which means more tuna tagging. To get the job done, our team returned to two of our favorite spots. We tagged 13 bluefin tuna in less than 25 days in the North Carolina winter fishery, and in just one day in December, TGF scientists tagged 34 Pacific bluefin tuna in Ensenada, Mexico. [More details...](#)



## Tag Ticker

	Tags Out	Data In
<b>Atlantic</b>	995	419
<b>Pacific</b>	478	256



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## Disappointing Status Quo at ICCAT

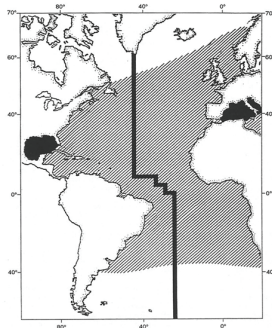
Despite an unprecedented call by the U.S. for a moratorium on fishing in the East Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea, the November 2007 annual ICCAT meeting came and went without any substantive progress to rein in illegal fishing in the Mediterranean or rebuild the two discrete, but similarly depleted, populations of Atlantic bluefin tuna. [More details...](#)

**Data Highlight:** The pop-up tags deployed in Canada in October 2007 have begun to report. Three tags popped up in the Gulf of Mexico—the first tags ever to report from the only known spawning ground of the western Atlantic bluefin tuna.

**Did You Know?** Pacific bluefin tuna spawn in the West Pacific between Japan and the Philippines. About 15% migrate over 6,500 miles to the eastern Pacific when they are one or two years old to feed in the fertile California current for a few years before returning to the West Pacific to spawn.

## East vs. West

There are two confirmed populations of Atlantic bluefin tuna—a western and an eastern. There are two fisheries management areas—a western and an eastern. But the boundaries of the population ranges and management areas differ. What are the implications of this imperfect system? [More details...](#)



## Bluefin Policy Update

- [Longline Research in Closure](#)
- [2007 Atlantic Fishery Closes](#)

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