

EROSKI, THE TUNA FLEET AND AZTI MEET TO EVALUATE AND MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN THEIR COMMITMENT TO MORE SUSTAINABLE FISHING GEAR

[EROSKI](#), the representatives of the Spanish tuna fleet, the sector associations [ANABAC](#) and [OPAGAC](#), made up of tuna companies such as Albacora, Garavilla, Calvo, Pevasa, Inpesca, Echebaster, Atunsa and Nicra7, have met in the head office of the technology centre specializing in marine and food research [AZTI](#) in Derio (Bizkaia) in order to analyze the evolution of their agreement to increase the volume of tuna caught with the most sustainable fishing gear and establish new steps.

In 2017 EROSKI entered into an agreement with its canned tuna suppliers under which they undertook to be stocked according to the sustainability principles of the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation ([ISSF](#)). The effort made by the suppliers, with a high level of compliance with the defined conservation measures, was confirmed during the meeting. Due to the increase in the volume of tuna caught only with the most responsible fishing gear (APR, without FAD, MSC and FIP) the total purchases of canned tuna from sustainable and responsible fisheries made by Eroski in the first semester of 2018 stood at 30%. The target of the cooperative is to increase that volume to 40% in just over a year.

The cooperative only works with suppliers who have signed its sustainable fishing policy, which does not accept tuna from countries such as Thailand, which have been issued a yellow card warning by the EU due to their not complying with the measures approved by the RFOs and not establishing measures to put an end to illegal fishing.

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