

The Blue Economy's Great Migration

Will Pacific nations survive the loss of their most valuable fish because of the warming ocean?

Across the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, tuna is more than a natural resource. For these eight Pacific Islands, tuna is a pillar of government revenue, generating millions through fishing license fees sold to foreign fleets.

However, as ocean temperatures warm over the decade, the tuna are drifting eastward. Should that continue, these fish will eventually swim beyond every nation's waters and into the open ocean where no fee can control them. By 2050, that migration is projected to strip away a significant share of the government revenue that keeps schools, hospitals, and infrastructure running.

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