

Tuna Fish

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About Tuna Fish:

- They are **pelagic marine fish**, spending their entire lives relatively near the surface of tropical, subtropical and temperate oceans and seas.
- There are seven main species of tuna consumed by humans including **albacore, skipjack, yellowfin and three species of bluefin tuna**.
- **Habitat:** They can be found in tropical and temperate regions of all oceans.
- Unlike other fish, tuna are warm blooded. Their body temperatures are as much as 12 degrees C higher than the water they swim in.
- Tuna swim incredible distances as they migrate.
- **Significance of Tuna Cluster:** It is expected to generate economies of scale, increase incomes, and accelerate organized growth in fisheries across the country.

Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

- It was launched in **September 2020** with an aim to double the income of fish farmers and fishers in the country.
 - It focuses on activities with potential to generate employment such as seaweed and ornamental fish cultivation. It also emphasises on the breeding technique for quality brood, seed & feed and species diversification.
 - It is an umbrella scheme with two separate Components namely (a) **Central Sector Scheme (CS)** and (b) **Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)**.
 - The CSS Component is further segregated into Non-beneficiary oriented and beneficiary orientated subcomponents/activities under the following three broad heads:
 - Enhancement of Production and Productivity
 - Infrastructure and Post-harvest Management
 - Fisheries Management and Regulatory Framework
 - **PMMSY** will be implemented in all the States and Union Territories for a period of 5 (five) **years from FY 2020-21 to FY 2024-25**.
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Q1: What is the Pelagic fishery?

It refers to the commercial and recreational fishing activities that target species such as tuna, billfish, and sharks in the open ocean.

News: Department of Fisheries Notifies Development of Tuna Cluster in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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