Crunchtime for endangered bluefin tuna As delegates from 175 countries prepare to Bluefin distribution vote on a proposal to ban international trade Migration routes in Atlantic bluefin tuna, Japan - the world's Spawning grounds biggest consumer - says it will not comply if a ban About 80% of all is imposed. Bluefin tuna Atlantic bluefin is highly valued but is consumed stocks have in Japan depleted rapidly Bluefin tuna Size: 2m **MEDITERRANEAN** Weight: 250kg **EAST** SEA Life span: **ATLANTIC** 15 years WEST **OCEAN** ATLANTIC **OCEAN EASTERN ATLANTIC AND** MEDITERRANEAN BLUEFIN 250,000 Spawning stock biomass (tonnes) 200.000 **WEST ATLANTIC BLUEFIN** Spawning stock biomass 1997: Down (tonnes) 201,479 150,000 Stocks by 60.9% declined by between 82.4% from 1997-2007 100,000 1970-2007 1970: 49.482 2007: 50,000 2007: 78,724 8,693

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