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In observance of **World Tuna Day** declared by the United Nations General Assembly for every second day of May, the Climate Change Commission supports the global call for sustainable fishing and consumption of tuna.

The Philippines is the world's third largest tuna producer, with more than half of our seafood exports comprising of yellowfin, skipjack, and frigate tuna for sushi, sashimi, and canned tuna.

However, the prevailing climate emergency bodes disastrous impacts on the country's tuna industry, including the decline of fish populations due to ocean warming and acidification and increased operating costs due to more extreme weather events.

We, therefore, reiterate our commitment to advancing integrated coastal management for climate change adaptation and sustainable development. We also enjoin the Filipino people to support the global campaign against harmful and unsustainable fishing practices, such as overfishing, dynamite fishing, bottom trawling, and the use of large-scale pelagic driftnets.

Together, let us take decisive steps toward nurturing and protecting our oceans and marine life to ensure a sustainable future for the generations to come.

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